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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced that the Southeast Alaska commercial pot shrimp season will re-open by emergency order on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. in the following districts:

District 5: will be open.

District 15 (western side only): will be open for the remaining GHL of 6,000 pounds west of a line from Little Island Light north to the southernmost tip of Seduction Point.

Districts 5 and 15 will be closed by emergency order when the guideline harvest level for each district is reached. If the guideline harvest level is not reached, the districts will be closed by emergency order on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. All other districts will remain closed until October 1, 2013.

2012/2013 Fishing Season and Fishing Periods

Operation of shrimp fishing gear may only occur during daily fishing periods from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. [5 AAC 31.124. (e)(5)]. This means that pots may only be hauled or deployed during this eight-hour period each day.

Individuals planning to fish pots for shrimp beginning May 15, 2013, will need to re-register for the fishery since the 2012/2013 registration year for shrimp began April 15, 2013. Registration is available at any of the Southeast area offices.

Catcher-processors must call and report catch information between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to any Fish and Game area office weekly by 12:00 noon each Wednesday every week they conduct fishing operations. The first call in period will be Wednesday, May 22, and cover the period from 8:00 am May 15 to May 22. Catcher-sellers are also encouraged to contact the department with catch information by 12:00 noon each Wednesday of every week they fish. Fishermen need to notify the department 72 hours prior to setting gear of the fishermen's intent to fish in an area and no more than 72 hours after stopping operations in an open area. Fishermen are advised that it would be most efficient to contact the Petersburg office for District 5 and the Haines office for District 15. Fishermen are advised that these reporting requirements are in effect until further notice.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0913.
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